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ABILENE, KANSAS.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The French budget deficit this year reaches 100,000,000 francs.

The new court house at Dallas, Tex., has been destroyed by fire.

A TWO-TWO interest in Forepaugh's circus has been sold to Englishmen.

GENERAL JOHN D. ANDERSON has been elected commander of the G. A. R., department Maine.

HIRSH SMITH, First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, a renegade, has had his resignation accepted.

The czar has reiterated his determination not to recognize the Republic of Brazil while Dom Pedro lives.

A RIVER pirate, while trying to sack a canal boat on the East river in New York the other night, was shot dead by the captain.

COTTON at Augusta, Ga., has reached the highest price of the season. We and nine-sixteenths for middling. The mills expecting lower prices have only moderate supplies on hand.

EMPEROR WILLIAM was present at a dinner given by Prince Bismarck. There was nothing observed to indicate any coldness existing between them as had been hinted in recent telegrams.

The medical colleges of Maryland have issued a call for a general conference of American colleges to discuss means to inaugurate a National Alliance, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., May 21 next.

MARSHAL WALKER was in Guthrie, Ok., recently and stated that his instructions were to prevent neither looting nor ejection, which he would obey to the letter. In consequence of this, a landlord was unable to eject a non-paying tenant.

It is officially asserted that perfect harmony exists in Crete. It is denied that the firm recently issued by the Porte has caused dissatisfaction; that preparations for a rising are being made on the island, or that the Powers have requested that the firm be modified.

The northern land-office to be established for the territory recently acquired from the Sioux Indians will be established at Pierre and the southern at Chamberlain, while the lands lying south of the 43d parallel of latitude will be annexed to the O'Neill, Neb., land district.

It was officially announced at New York recently that, on account of expending of resources in the strike troubles, the divisions in Chicago & Eastern Illinois preferred will be discontinued. The officials of the company state that it has no floating debt and does not propose to create one.

CHICAGO lawyers think the Anarchists can gain nothing by having their cases reopened on the plea made by their counsel. The only thing the State Supreme Court would have to do would be to require their presence for sentence, and as they were sentenced to be hanged they would have to be hanged unless Governor Fifer interferred.

ALFRED THOMAS (Home Rule), member of the House of Commons for the east division of Glamorganshire, will move an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech opening Parliament that the affairs of Wales ought to be administered by a special department presided over by a Minister acquainted with Welsh National affairs.

The United States squadron of evolution, Admiral Walker commanding, has arrived at Toulon, France. Influenza on the vessels of the fleet has abated. The new cruisers worked well under steam and sail. As specimens of American ship building and the forerunners of the new navy of the United States they are regarded with curiosity by navy experts.

A REPORT that Agent Bennett had notified Governor Byrd that the Interior Department had refused to allow any troops to be used in the Chickasaw Nation for the enforcement of the Indian laws, was shown the agent at Muskogee. He stated that on the contrary he had ordered troops to the Chickasaw Nation to expel all parties living there unlawfully.

The spectacle of a coroner holding an inquest over a man he himself had murdered was presented in Florence County, S. C., the other day. Coroner Burch had shot and killed a negro whom he had caught stealing potatoes from his yard. Burch gave himself up and was released on \$2,000 bonds. An inquest was held over the body, the coroner presiding.

Dr. GAUTSCH, the Austrian Minister of Worship and Public Instruction, recently spoke in support of the adoption of the bill regulating Jewish religious societies. He said that the Government strongly disapproved the anti-Semitic outcry and wished to secure for the Jewish people of the Kingdom the right to complete independence in the control of religious concerns among themselves.

A BILL has been reported in the Senate relating to the Alaska seal fishery. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, after advertising for thirty days, to lease from May 1, 1890, the right to engage in the business of taking fur seals on the islands of St. Paul and St. George. The annual rental for this right shall not be less than \$50,000 per annum, and in addition a revenue tax or duty of \$4.50 on each skin shipped from the islands.

The report of Adjutant-General Kelton on the military force of the United States, shows that the militia of the States consists of 7,697 commissioned officers, 91,371 enlisted men and 7,208,498 men not organized but available for military duty; of the Territories 214 officers, 2,385 men and 101,473 available; of the District of Columbia 141 officers, 642 men and 42,000 available, making a grand total for the United States of 8,032 officers, 103,390 men and 7,332,171 available. Several of the States either have no regular militia or have made no report to the Adjutant-General. New York is the banner militia State with 748 commissioned officers, 13,479 men and 650,000 available; Pennsylvania following with 625 officers, 7,856 men and 650,000 available.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESS.

Soon after the Senate met on the 2d announcement was made of the affliction that had visited the families of Secretaries Blaine and Tracy and by unanimous vote the body adjourned. The House resumed consideration of the Smith-Jackson contested election case from West Virginia. The Republicans secured the necessary quorum of 192 members and finally succeeded in adopting the majority report of the committee, ousting Jackson and seating Smith. The House then adjourned.

AMONG the bills introduced in the Senate on the 4th were bills for public buildings at Emporia, Salina and Topeka, Kan., and for the protection of the protection of American bison. After an executive session the Senate adjourned. When the House met some filibustering occurred over approving the journal, and by the action of the Speaker in announcing a quorum by counting members present and not voting the joint resolution for approving the adjournment was defeated.

The Senate took up the Oklahoma bill on the 5th, and pending the bill it was laid aside and Senator Sherman, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a resolution congratulating the people of the United States of Brazil upon the adoption of a republican form of government. Senator Blair then addressed the Senate on his Educational bill. The House immediately adjourned after the reading of the journal, many members wishing to attend the funeral of Mrs. and Miss Tracy.

THE Senate on the 6th further considered the Oklahoma bill. The discussion brought out the fact that the proposed territory was only about 1,500,000 acres, or 3,000 square miles, with the possibility of being increased to 30,000 square miles to be divided into 100,000 sections. Without concluding the bill it was laid aside, and Senator Blair continued his remarks on the Educational bill. The conference report on the joint resolution for removing snags from the Missouri river was considered. It appropriates \$75,000. Adjourned until Monday.

When the House met the journal was approved, the Speaker announcing a quorum. After the introduction of bills Mr. Morrill (Kan.) reported back the Senate bill to increase the pension of certain soldiers and sailors, with a substitute providing that all soldiers, sailors and marines who have been since the 10th day of July, 1861, or who may hereafter become, so totally and permanently helpless from injuries received or disease contracted in the service as to require the regular personal aid and attendance of another person, shall be entitled to receive a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, from the date of the certificate of the examining surgeon, or board of surgeons, showing such degree of disability, and also increasing the pension of soldiers disqualified for performing manual labor to not to exceed \$50 per month. The substitute was agreed to and the bill passed. Adjourned.

The Senate was not in session on the 7th. The House transacted little business. Several bridge bills passed, and Mr. Peters endeavored to get the Oklahoma bill before the House, which was antagonized by private bills and a motion to adjourn until Monday carried.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. An address prepared by ex-Speaker Carlisle and signed by the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, was published on the 4th. It contests the position of the Republican party in the Speaker's quorum ruling.

QUEEN VICTORIA sent a message of condolence to the family of Secretary Tracy over their recent affliction. The end of the gubernatorial election troubles in West Virginia resulted in favor of Fleming, Democrat. The two Democratic votes that Goff, Republican, expected he did not get.

The funeral services over Mrs. Coppinger, eldest daughter of Hon. James G. Blaine, took place at St. Matthew's Church, Washington, on the 4th. Father Thomas Sherman officiating, assisted by Cardinal Gibbons. The remains were laid beside those of her brother, Walker Blaine, in Oak Hill cemetery.

The Duke of Montpensier, of Spain, connected with the Bourbon pretensions, died on the 4th.

The report current at Washington on the 5th that Mr. Randall had taken a serious change for the worse was later denied. His condition was the same as for several weeks past.

The funeral of Mrs. Tracy and her daughter, victims of the terrible fire at the Secretary's residence, took place at Washington on the 5th and was attended by the President and Cabinet and many distinguished persons.

LAWSON, the Republican Lieutenant Governor who was ousted from his position by the Democratic Senate of Ohio, has decided, after consultation with his attorneys, not to carry the case to the Supreme Court.

Mr. PARNELL, it is said, will ask Parliament to inquire into the Times-Picotti conspiracy.

REAR ADMIRAL STEPHEN P. QUACKENBUSH, U. S. N. (retired), died in Washington recently, aged sixty-seven.

WILSON S. EISENELL, of Buffalo, N. Y., ex-President Cleveland's old law partner, was married at Rochester recently to Miss Louise Sturges.

REV. DR. TALMAGE was tendered a public reception at Brooklyn, N. Y., on his return from the Holy Land.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL SALAMANCA, of Cuba, was reported seriously sick on the 6th.

The confirmation of the Samoan treaty by the United States Senate afforded general satisfaction in Berlin. Count Herbert Bismarck called upon Minister Phelps and congratulations were exchanged upon the ratification of the treaty.

CARDINAL PRECI, brother of the Pope, was reported dying from pneumonia on the 6th.

HENRY M. STANLEY has been elected a member of the Russian Geographical Society.

The colored men's convention at Washington elected ex-Senator Pinchback president of the National organization and issued an address to the people of the United States.

The New York Senate reconsidered the World's Fair bill and passed it, but the House would not accept the amendment.

TEN thousand colored people in Canada have sent the Governor-General a loyal address.

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LA FRANCE accuses England of instigating an attack on a French caravan in Africa.

It is reported that ex-King Milan is a victim of melancholia. His gambling debts trouble him and he threatens suicide. He has to be closely watched at all times.

The Duc d'Orleans, eldest son of the Comte de Paris, was arrested on the 7th, charged with a violation of the French Exclusion law. There were reports in Paris that a Royalist uprising had been nipped in the bud by the Prince's arrest.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At Custer mine, Idaho, six men have been killed by a snowslide. Also three men by a snowslide at Burke, Idaho, half the town being in ruins.

ONE man was killed and five or six injured by a still explosion recently in the Standard refinery at Lima, O.

PORTLAND, Ore., has been badly flooded by rapidly melting snow. Many bridges have been swept away in the Willamette valley.

F. A. WALTON, clerk of the Pacific Express Company's office at Dallas, Tex., has absconded. He took with him a package of bills to the amount of \$35,000 and by an artful scheme got several days start of the hue and cry.

ANDREW CANNON proposes to donate \$1,000,000 to Pittsburgh, Pa., for a public library.

A TERRIBLE mine explosion occurred at Aberystwyth, Wales, on the 6th. Three hundred men were imprisoned, two-thirds of whom were rescued alive, the rest being dead.

RUSSIAN influenza is reported to be raging to such an extent in the lumber regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota as to almost prevent logging operations. Many deaths are reported.

The bank examiner has decided to wind up the affairs of the American Building & Loan Association of Minneapolis, Minn. The concern was nominally capitalized at \$10,000,000.

R. M. SECRETARY and others connected with the collapse of the Societe des Metaux, of Paris, have been ordered to be handed over to the correctional police to be dealt with.

THE cases of the Anarchists Fielden, Schwab and Neebe are to be taken up in the Supreme Court for review. Should the matter result favorably for the prisoners, it will vitiate the judgment that consigned Spies, Lingg, Fischer, Engel and Parsons to the gallows.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

ALPHONSE E. DICKENS, son of a widow living near Eudora, recently committed suicide by shooting himself.

GEORGE T. FUNK, an old farmer living north of Wichita, was killed recently by falling on a pitchfork.

SECRETARY MOHLER has issued a circular on "Publicity of Crop Reports," calling the attention of farmers and others to the necessity of full, complete and accurate farm statistics. He says:

"The farmer has every thing to gain and nothing to lose by publicity of the results of his labors. He can not keep these results a secret if he would, and it would be extremely injurious to his interests if he should. These propositions are susceptible of easy proof, and they can not be overthrown. For the collection of these facts he must depend on the Government. He represents too numerous and scattered a body to obtain them otherwise. Once in ten years the National census is taken, at a cost of several million dollars, and then its accuracy depends on the intelligence and interest with which the facts are reported to the enumerators."

IRA A. STEVENSON was recently arrested in Colorado for the murder of Albert Neubaur in Logan County, Kan., on December, 1888.

A. J. EWART & Co., lumber dealers of Topeka, recently made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. The liabilities aggregate \$56,742.73, of which amount \$39,209.34 is secured by notes and real estate mortgages.

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The Republican House and Senate at Helena, Mont., passed eight appropriation bills on the 9th. Becker, the Democratic Senator, who was brought in by the proceedings, but was counted present by the Lieutenant-Governor, thus making a quorum.

SHOT IN THE STREET.

A Gambler Kills a Shady Character For Walking With His Wife.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 10.—Ed Finley Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock shot and killed Joseph Carr on Third street near Grand avenue. Finley shot five times, emptying the chambers of his revolver, three of which taking effect, inflicting wounds any of which would have been fatal. One bullet entered Carr's body in the center of the small of the back, another penetrated the skull on the right side of the head just above the neck and another entered the head about two inches above the second eye.

Carr, who was released on bond Thursday in the criminal court, where he was under indictment for feloniously shooting John Williams, January 11, was walking east on Third street from Main in company with Mrs. Finley, wife of Ed Finley. He was approached from behind by Finley, who had hurriedly followed the couple from Main street, and it is said that Finley called out: "What are you doing with my wife?"

Finley claims that Carr then turned threateningly half way toward him and made a gesture as if he were about to draw a pistol from his hip pocket, although no pistol was found on Carr's body. Finley then drew his own pistol and shot at the man five times. At the second shot Carr extended his arms and fell over the curbing of the sidewalk into the street. Finley then emptied the remaining cartridges in his pistol at his prostrate victim. Officer Farrington and Deputy Marshal Ben Rosenthal hurried to the spot and placed Finley under arrest. He was taken to the central police station, where a charge of murder was preferred against him. Finley is a member of a family of gamblers, while Carr has an unsavory reputation.

SEVEN BOYS DROWNED.

Two Boats Upset at New Orleans With Sad Results.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.—Yesterday afternoon eight boys, all residents of the upper city, secured two pinnaces and started out to take a ride on the river. Their course led them between two empty coal barges lying at the head of Octavia street. There was a strong current running at the time and despite their efforts the boats were hurled by the current against the barges, causing both to upset. Seven of the eight unfortunate youths were thrown into the river and drowned. Their names were: Frank Landry, aged 17; George Sampson, 16; Willie Winters, 16; Martin Perriere, 18; Louis G. Fulda, 16; Alvy E. Fulda, 13, and Eddie Knecht, 13. Wilton Boney, aged seven, the only occupant of the boats who escaped, saved himself by catching on to one of the overturned boats. None of the bodies have so far been recovered.

UNDER THE ICE.

Father and Mother Both Perish With Their Four Drowning Children.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The four children of Jacob Slater were skating on the lake at Binnewater, about six miles from here, yesterday afternoon when the ice, which was but a few inches in thickness, gave way and all were precipitated into the water. The shouts were heard by the members of the family who lived near by, and the father and mother rushed to the rescue, but by the time they had reached the lake the four children had disappeared beneath the ice. The mother, frantic with the thought of her drowning children, rushed upon the ice, which gave way with her weight and she sank below the surface. She then attempted to reach her wife and he too was drowned. The entire family is wiped out of existence. Last night hundreds of people gathered about the lake searching for the bodies.

Reduced Scale.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha has given notice that it will at once put into effect a reduced scale of rates from the Missouri river to St. Paul on business destined to New York, Boston and other Eastern points. The proportions which it proposes to adopt range from 55 cents a hundred pounds on first class to 20 cents on fifth class, and all rates are given as the day on which they will become operative. The action is taken to meet the competition of the Great Northern & Sioux City and northern lines. This makes through rates from Omaha to the seaboard via St. Paul and Canadian lines much lower than those in effect via Chicago.

An Ovation to General Miles.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 9.—When General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the Pacific division of the United States army, arrived here yesterday to appear before the National Congress, he was greeted by a crowd of warm friends, who were loud in their praises of his many course in protesting against the removal of Apaches to Fort Sill. L. T. now so heartily recommended by General Crook, who made a signal and ignoble failure against them in his campaign.

Unhappy Brothers.

LOVELAND, O., Feb. 9.—Police protection was asked last night at the meeting of the colored people in the Union Church, conducted jointly by the Methodist, Baptist and Missionary Societies. This was because at the meeting last Wednesday night Rev. Mr. Estell spoke against a doctrine that had just been announced by the ministers of the other two denominations, and a scrambling fight resulted. The meeting last night was orderly, but trouble is yet feared.

Clippings.

Referring to the return from their honeymoon of a couple living in the vicinity, a West Grove, Pa., paper says they were given a serenade that was "hilarious if not unbecoming. Much cider was drunk and damage done."

Little Edith—Mamma, did you say that we should know each other in Heaven? Mamma—"Yes, my child."

Little Edith—"You can play that you're out, though, can't you, mamma, when people call that you don't want to see?"

When a man is looking for a wife it is his mission. When he gets her it is his submission.

During the last ten years the population of New York, according to the estimates of the health department, has increased about one-third, or something like 400,000. That is the gain in the number of inhabitants since 1850 has been nearly equal to the whole population of the town forty or forty-five years ago. The proportionate increase in Brooklyn is estimated to have been even greater, or hard on one-half in the ten years, and the population of the towns is now probably 4,500,000.

The engagement of a young girl is said to be symbolical of how, after marriage, the wife will wind the husband around her little finger.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

A Pacific Express Clerk at Dallas, Tex., Steals a Package Containing \$35,000 and Skips.

St. Louis, Feb. 6.—Yesterday L. A. Fuller, superintendent of the Pacific Express Company, was notified by the Commercial Bank of this city that a package containing \$35,000 in greenbacks assigned to that bank by the City National Bank of Dallas, Tex., and for which the Commercial Bank held the receipt of the Pacific Express Company, was missing.

February 1 the City National Bank of Dallas remitted to the Commercial National Bank of St. Louis the sum of \$30,000, of which \$15,000 was gold in a bag and \$35,000 in bills enclosed in a regular express package. The gold was duly received two days ago and delivered to the bank, which reported to Superintendent Fuller that the gold was only a part of the remittance from the City National Bank and that the bank held two receipts—one for \$15,000 and one for \$35,000.

On receipt of this information Superintendent Fuller telegraphed Assistant Superintendent Aiken at Dallas notifying him of the shortage, and asking him to investigate and forward information as soon as possible.